

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 307
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A RESOLUTION to honor Representative Dan R. Byrd for his fourteen years of outstanding service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should honor those colleagues who during their respective tenures in the General Assembly performed their elected duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion, and whose professionalism and competence continue to serve as a benchmark for present and future legislators; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dan R. Byrd had a great presence on Capitol Hill for seven terms and fourteen years as a member of the House of Representatives; his illustrious legislative career regrettably came to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 1996 session of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, as he answered the tantalizing call of retirement; and

WHEREAS, beginning his meritorious service in the House of Representatives in 1982, Dan Byrd distinguished himself as a highly respected leader and an effective public servant; and

WHEREAS, as a senior member of the House, Representative Byrd was an astute and eager participant in the legislative process as a member of the Committee on Commerce and the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, Dan Byrd also enjoyed a meritorious tenure as the Majority Caucus Chairman during the 96th General Assembly, and he served with distinction as the Chairman of the Shelby County Delegation for 1985-86; and

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WHEREAS, during the 99th General Assembly, Dan Byrd evidenced his concern and compassion for our children and less fortunate citizens as Chair of the House Health and Human Resources Committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Byrd served the good people of Bartlett and Raleigh in Shelby County with the utmost integrity and probity, and he was the distinguished recipient of several awards for his proficient legislative service; and

WHEREAS, during his estimable and productive tenure as a member, Representative Byrd sponsored and supported a host of legislation to benefit all Tennesseans, including the “Wetlands Protection Act” and the “Tennessee Baccalaureate Tuition Savings Act”; and

WHEREAS, ever one to shoulder the mantle of civic responsibility, Representative Byrd is a generous and concerned member of his community, and he has made significant contributions to many civic, business and charitable organizations, including the state Advisory Board of Tennessee Small Business Development Center, Greater Memphis State, Inc., Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau, Chancellor’s Roundtable of the University of Tennessee, and the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished businessman, Representative Byrd was a founder of the Bank of Bartlett and presently serves on its Board of Directors; he is the Vice-President of Bartlett Mortgage Company, Inc. and co-owner, with his brother former Representative Harold Byrd, of Bartlett Travel, Inc.

WHEREAS, he also serves as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of West Tennessee Bancshares, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Dan Byrd evinces his robust faith in the Lord through his membership in the Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments and accolades aside, he is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Carol Roberts Byrd, and their daughters, Carson Anne and Christina; and

WHEREAS, the 99th House District was well represented by this prominent legislator, as he served in every capacity with acumen, industry and humanity; and

WHEREAS, Representative Byrd will be long remembered as an advocate and crusader for good, responsive government and the concerns of working people; and

WHEREAS, for fourteen years, Representative Dan Byrd was a staple figure on Capitol Hill; he is a gentleman whose talent and energy has seldom been equaled and without question, he is greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, it is now highly appropriate that the friends and colleagues of this outstanding public servant should honor him and recognize his numerous accomplishments and contributions to our Great State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Representative Dan R. Byrd for his innumerable services to Tennessee, and we honor him for his distinguished career as a member of this General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Representative Byrd our best wishes for every continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.